

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-20 were rejected. Claim 8 was objected to. Claim 8 has been cancelled thus obviating the objection. Claims 2, 3, 8 and 10-16, and 20 have been canceled. Claims 1, 17, and 19 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

1. **Rejection Under 37 CFR §1.84(1)**

The Examiner requested new corrected drawings for this application because the lines and numbers in the existing figures were not uniformly thick and well defined. Applicants have enclosed corrected formal drawings. Applicants respectfully submit that the enclosed drawings satisfy the requirements of 37 CFR §1.84(1).

2. **Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)**

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 8-12 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Aldridge (U.S. Pat. No. 1,475,771). Claims 2-3, 8 and 10-12 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 17 have been amended. Aldridge does not disclose each and every limitation of amended claims 1 and 17. Specifically, Aldridge does not disclose “a first bladder having a longitudinal side including first upper lip and a first lower lip, each of said first upper and lower lips having an inner surface and an outer surface, said upper and lower lips defining a receiving channel therethrough; a second bladder having a longitudinal side including a second upper lip and a second lower lip, each of said second upper and lower lips having an inner surface and an outer surface, said second upper lip and said second lower lip received into said receiving channel, wherein the outer surface of said second upper lip abuts the inner surface of said first upper lip and the outer surface of said second lower lip abuts the inner surface of said first lower lip forming an overlap between the first bladder and the second bladder, wherein said longitudinal side of said second bladder is attached to the longitudinal side of the first bladder” as now recited by claim 1. Further, Aldridge does not disclose. In addition, Aldridge does not disclose “a method of creating an uninterrupted sleeping surface with two bladders capable of being folded into a sleeper sofa comprising: providing a first elongate bladder, having a first

longitudinal upper lip and a first longitudinal lower lip, said first upper and lower lips defining a receiving channel; providing a second elongate bladder, having a second longitudinal upper lip and a second longitudinal lower lip; receiving the second longitudinal upper and lower lips into said receiving channel such that said first longitudinal upper and lower lips are juxtaposed and overlap said second longitudinal upper and lower lips; and joining the first elongate bladder to the second elongate bladder” as now recited in claim 17. Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are in condition for allowance.

3. **Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

The Examiner rejected claims 4-7, 13-16 and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Aldridge (U.S. Pat. No. 1,475,771). Claims 4-7 and 18-20 depend from a now allowable claim thus obviating the rejection under §103(a). Claim 19 has been amended to add that the joining by “zipping” is accomplished along the overlap. It is believed that these claims are now in condition for allowance.

4. **Conclusion.**

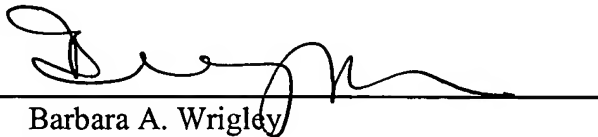
Applicants respectfully submit that with the arguments and amendments presented herein all pending claims are allowable over the art of record and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that a teleconference would be of further value in expediting the allowance of the pending claims, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number listed below. The present response is being filed within the three-month statutory period for response and no fee or petition for an extension is due. If, however, it is believed that any additional fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any such fees or overpayment to Deposit Account No. (Reference #8929-3049).

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